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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As an attorney and now candidate for Governor, I have worked with many companies seeking to expand their business operations or relocate to South Carolina. Helping to grow jobs and investment in our state is one of my most important goals.

Thousands of South Carolinians have jobs and millions of investment dollars are in this state because of existing government policies that encourage competition in telecommunications while assuring open access to the Internet. I am very concerned, however, that the FCC may institute new Net Neutrality rules that could seriously impact competition and diminish future growth of the wireline and wireless communications industry.

If this occurs, our economy may be negatively impacted. I strongly urge you to proceed very cautiously when considering instituting unprecedented Net Neutrality regulation of broadband service. Such regulation is not needed and I fear will only harm consumers and the thriving wireless and Internet industry.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Dwight F. Drake

cc: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker